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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION

Sir:

This paper is submitted by applicants as a supplement to the preliminary submission filed along with applicants' Request for Continued Examination dated September 06, 2005. It is respectfully requested that the following supplemental preliminary remarks, the attached supplemental preliminary amendments,¹⁾ and the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement be entered and considered by the Examiner:

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Claims 1 to 6, 9 to 16, 28 to 33 and 43 as set forth in Appendix I of this paper are now pending in this case. In addition to the changes effected in applicants' preliminary submission, Claims 8, 41 and 42 have been canceled, Claims 1, 5, 11 and 28 have been amended, and Claim 43 has been added as indicated in the listing of the claims.

1) Cf. the Claim Amendments set forth in Appendix I on pages 3 to 7 of this paper.